

Will Rogers Comes to Town and Rides Police Wagon



—Star-Telegram Photos.

Will Rogers comes to town. The picture shows the famous humorist soon after arrival in Fort Worth on Friday morning, boarding a police patrol wagon, but smiling just the same. Left, Robert Dysart, patrol driver; Rogers in car door, Police Chief Lee at right and Amon G. Carter at extreme right. Below is the famous Rogers smile.



'Poet Lariat' Arrives

WILL PLEADS FOR BOLL WEEVIL

Patrol Rides Rogers

"I'm down here in the interest of the boll weevil, the greatest friend of the cotton farmer," Will Rogers, Oklahoma cowboy and humorist, announced when he arrived in Fort Worth Friday morning for his lecture tonight at the First Baptist Church auditorium.

"God sent the boll weevil to the South to protect the farmer from himself and you've been fighting him for years. Now see what you've gotten yourself into this year. If you'd let him do what the Almighty intended for him to do, you wouldn't be in the jam that you are now.

"Texas and the South are good enough to raise a million things and a lot of the farmers keep on raising cotton year after year. Maybe they'll learn now to grow something that they can sell 365 days of the year instead of just once."

Rogers arrived on the 6:45 south-bound Santa Fe that got in at 7:30. He appeared in Oklahoma City Thursday night. He barely had time to be greeted when Police Chief Lee took him in charge and hustled him into the police patrol wagon.

Asks About Eats Here.
"Say, chief, do you have good eats down at your place? I'm hungry," was the comedian's main concern.

Assured that the inner man would be satisfied, Rogers entered the wagon. "Well, anyway, I'm saving taxicab fare and that helps some in these days," he remarked as the door was fastened.

Instead of going to its customary home in the basement of the city hall, "Black Maria" wound her way to the Fort Worth Club.

"I don't want to see anyone now. I got to rest and do some writing," Rogers said.

Rogers was breakfasted at the Fort Worth Club by Amon G. Carter with a few friends. After breakfast he was given a chance to rest and write in a suite of rooms at the club.

Asks to Be Left Alone.
Rogers pleaded to be left alone "like any other human" for a few hours.

"I don't want to see your Rotarians or Kiwanians or Lions or Elks or Eagles or Apes or Monkeys or any of them for a while," he said. "I've got to rest if I'm going to save the country for you tonight."

The cowboy-humorist did take time to explain himself a little more on

the boll weevil and the cotton situation.

"If you'll just let the boll weevil do what God intended for it to, you wouldn't be worrying about 4,000,000 extra bales of cotton," he said. "Now suppose you do hold those 4,000,000 bales off the market and grow another bumper crop next year? There'll be 8,000,000 bales to worry about then and in a couple of years you'll have 12,000,000. The cotton farmers can all take a vacation—and a long one—in a few years at that rate.

"Just to show you that man needs Providence to look after him, take this Texas flea. The fleas have left the dogs and the humans down here this year and have gone to the cotton in an effort to save the farmer from himself.

Monument to Weevil.

"There's a community down in Mississippi—I've forgotten the name—that has erected a monument to the boll weevil. That's a fact because I saw it myself. The farmers there had been raising nothing but cotton for 50 years so the Almighty sent the weevil down there and wiped out the whole crop for them one year. It was mighty hard on them that year, but they learned their lesson and now are growing lots of things so that if they fizzle out in one line they've got a lot of other stuff to fall back on. When the farmers learn that in other parts of the South they'll be prosperous too."

Rogers admitted that he hadn't been keeping up with the political situation in Texas and wanted some information himself on it.

"Ma's really all right and I like her," he said. "She's just in bad surroundings."

Commenting on national politics, he predicted that prohibition would not be the big issue in the 1928 presidential election. Both major parties will sidestep the question, he said.

"But I do look to see the Republicans carry Europe in the congressional elections next Tuesday," he said.

Returns From Tour.

The cowboy-humorist returned recently from a tour of Europe as a "Self-Made Diplomat." During that

Youthful Slayer Hanged at Chicago

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Richard Evans, 19, Friday paid with his life for the murder of a Chicago policeman. He was hanged at the Cook County jail at 7:10 o'clock.

Before going to the gallows Evans confessed that he, and not a drunken companion, as he had steadfastly maintained, shot and killed Patrolman Edward Finnegan last March after the officer arrested the two for speeding.

Evans remained composed during the final hours before the death march, devoting the latter hours in the death cell to writing notes, one to the mother who, with his father, mortgaged a home to obtain defense funds.

He walked unaided to the gallows, outwardly calm, and his only statement was "I will have paid my debt to God and society."

The Weather

Fort Worth and Vicinity—Tonight and Saturday cloudy weather, probably showers, cooler tonight. Light to fresh variable winds tonight and Saturday.

Sunrise Saturday 6:23.
Sunset Friday 6:17.

West Texas—Tonight and Saturday cloudy, probably local rains; colder in north and east portions tonight and in south Saturday.

East Texas—Tonight and Saturday cloudy, probably occasional showers; cooler tonight in east and south portions.